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SUBJECT: GDR HUMANITARIAN CASE: RECENT ANGLO-FRENCH EXPERIENCE

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1. REFTEL NOTED THAT, SINCE THE BEGINNING OF APRIL,
FIVE OF OUR OUTSTANDING HUMANITARIAN CASES HAD MOVED
CLOSER TO RESOLUTION AND, IN IT, WE SPECULATED THAT
THE GDR MAY BE TRYING TO ESTABLISH A FAVORABLE RECORD
FOR BELGRADE.

2. SINCE THEN, WE HAVE LEARNED OF TWO OTHER
US FAMILY REUNIFICATION AND BINATIONAL MARRIAGE CASES WHERE
DEPARTURE HAS BEEN
APPROVED BY THE GDR (SEE SEPTELS). FURTHER, WE HAVE
BEEN TOLD BY BRITISH EMBOFF THAT THE GDR RESOLVED
ONE EXTREMELY TROUBLESOME BRITISH CASE OF LONG
STANDING WITHIN THE LAST TEN DAYS. ADDITIONALLY, THE
FRENCH EMBASSY SAYS THAT, IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS,
THREE FAMILY REUNIFICATION CASES, A FIANCE CASE AND ONE
HUSBAND CASE, WERE RESOLVED WITH THE PERSONS INVOLVED
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BEING ADVISED DEPARTURE TO FRANCE WOULD BE
PERMITTED. THE FRENCH TELL US THAT RESOLUTION OF
THESE LATTER TWO CASES, WHICH HAD LONG GIVEN THEM
TROUBLE, WERE QUITE UNEXPECTED.

3. COMMENT: WE CAN ONLY REITERATE OUR BELIEF
ON THE BASIS OF THIS EVIDENCE THAT THE GDR'S

MOTIVATION IN THESE CASES IS TO TIDY UP ITS HUMAN
RIGHTS IMAGE AS THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE DRAWS EVEN
NEARER.
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